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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO INCREASE
TEACHER-PARENT COMMUNICATIONS, PROVIDE INCREASED SECURITY AND
HEIGHTEN COMMUNITY PRIDE AND RAPPORT BETWEEN STUDENTS AND OTHER
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, school, community and family are inextricably
joined and must work closely together for the benefit of every
child and every community; and

WHEREAS, collaborative working relationships with schools,
the business community, social service agencies, government
agencies, faith-based organizations, civic groups, neighborhood
associations and post-secondary educational institutions
increase parent involvement and student academic achievement to
ensure an overall high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools

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1 and the city of Albuquerque have worked together for a number
2 of years on a community education model that would combine
3 resources from public and private sources to serve the
4 educational needs of all members of a community; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools
6 and the city of Albuquerque approved resolutions to form a
7 community schools partnership and to set forth principles,
8 alternative approaches and a scope to accomplish the mission
9 and goals of a community education program; and

10 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools
11 and the city of Albuquerque jointly participated with the
12 Albuquerque business education compact in a 2005 study with
13 high-level executives and staff members to clarify the options
14 and steps required to implement community schools within the
15 Albuquerque public school system; and

16 WHEREAS, the community schools approach recognizes that
17 only about twenty-two percent of a child's life until ten years
18 of age is spent in school and that conditions within the
19 family, neighborhood, among peers and within the larger
20 community affect young people's motivation to learn and be
21 successful in school; and

22 WHEREAS, the character of family life, family income,
23 stability, peer and family drug and alcohol use, mental health,
24 nutrition, housing, neighborhood crime, gangs, the educational
25 level of family members and the importance family members place

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1 on learning all have an impact on learning; and

2 WHEREAS, over fifty leaders from community schools in
3 Albuquerque were interviewed, and their responses contained
4 important guidance for implementing community schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools
6 and the city of Albuquerque, along with the Albuquerque
7 business education compact, reviewed ten national and
8 international models of community schools nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, the community schools task force recognized that
10 implementing community schools would require a significant
11 commitment of staff and financial resources by Bernalillo
12 county, the Albuquerque public schools, the city of Albuquerque
13 and the state's private foundations; and

14 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public
15 schools, the city of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque business
16 education compact have each made a one-time contribution of one
17 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to fund the start-up costs
18 and initial operations of the community schools partnership;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools
21 and the city of Albuquerque approved a joint powers agreement
22 to achieve administrative efficiency in the funding of programs
23 by the establishment of the community schools partnership; and

24 WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, the Albuquerque public schools
25 and the city of Albuquerque request a significant commitment of

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1 staff and financial resources from the state of New Mexico to
2 implement the community schools effort;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
5 commit staff and financial resources to implement the community
6 schools effort; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the superintendent of the Albuquerque public
9 schools and to the members of the legislative education study
10 committee.